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## Press Release

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ATTORNEY GENERAL DARRELL V. McGRAW, JR.
FILES PETITION TO ENFORCE INVESTIGATIVE SUBPOENA
AGAINST ST. ALBANS USED CAR DEALER, TWIN CITY USED CARS

Attorney General Darrell McGraw's Consumer Protection Division filed a Petition To Enforce Investigative Subpoena against Samer Kale and Hassan Kanaan, owners of Twin City Used Cars, LLC, ("Twin City") a St. Albans used car dealership, in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County on March 8, 2005.

The Attorney General's Office began investigating Twin City last year after receiving complaints that the company was engaging in a wide range of alleged unlawful practices, including unlawful repossessions, charging excessive late fees, and selling vehicles "as is" in violation of the implied warranty of merchantability. After efforts to resolve the matter were unsuccessful, the Attorney General's Office issued an investigative subpoena for the company's sales records on June 9, 2004, but the company failed to comply with the subpoena even though it was granted numerous extensions of time to do so.

The Petition, which has been assigned to Kanawha County Circuit Judge James C. Stucky, asks the court to issue an order compelling Twin City's owners to comply with the subpoena.

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